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THE BATTLE OF THE PULLS.

Last week a delegation of citizens called at the City Hall in behalf of the appointment of Officer Washer as Chief of Police.

City Commissioner Crisp did not treat the mission of the delegation with the consideration which the Beacon believed it deserved, and the way our neighbor hauled the Commissioner over the coals last evening was, somewhat of a revelation to those who have not been on the inside of the Chief of Police campaign.

After having defended the thing for years, our neighbor cried out against "one man power" in the local government, and said as plainly as it could that the spirit of levity with which City Commissioner Crisp and his colleagues treated the visit of Mr. Washer's delegation was inspired by Judge Anderson, the wielder of the one man power.

It must be patent to every citizen that in declining to be influenced by Mr. Washer's delegation, the City Commissioners are simply adhering to a policy that has attended the administration of the Board ever since it came under the influence of "the one man power." If there is any inconsistency it is upon the part of the Beacon, which criticizes the Board.

It requires no great tax upon the memory of our citizens to recall how a Committee of Fifty, composed of some of the leading citizens of Akron, paid a series of visits to the city hall last year to petition the Board of Commissioners to protect their rights from being given away to a telephone monopoly. Gen. Dick was not a member of that committee.

Instead of standing by this Citizens' Committee, which was organized in a cause that had the undivided support of all the people, the same Beacon which now accuses the Board of Commissioners for being the subsidy of "a one-man power," publicly decided the men who composed the Citizens' committee and did all within its power, without success, to defeat the honorable mission which called the Committee into existence.

So much for the relative consistency of the agents of the one man power and the organ which hitherto has never lost an opportunity to defend that perversion of our local government.

The Beacon's attack upon Commissioner Crisp makes one incident of the Chief of Police contest as plain as day, and that is that the contest has resolved itself into a test of "pulls." It will determine whether Judge Anderson or Gen. Dick is the more influential in determining the policy of the Akron Board of Commissioners.

It is well that this fact should be clearly understood by the people. The respective candidates for the office of Chief of Police are no longer factors in determining the appointment. They

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are as pawns upon the chess board, and their identity and relative merits have all but disappeared in the greater contest of the bosses.

Gen. Dick has staked his cause, and his example has been aped by his party organ, upon the appointment of Officer Washer. Judge Anderson, deserted by his fickle party organ, which left him at a whistle from Gen. Dick, but in safe control of the machinery by which the appointment must be made, and re-enforced by all those of both parties who are opposed to the appointment of Officer Washer, has the advantage of having declared in favor of no particular candidate, and is conducting his campaign from under cover.

This is the line of battle, and the next fortnight will tell which is the winner.

The Democrat has no personal interest in the contest. It seems to have resolved itself into a contest of bosses, and it is for the bosses to fight it out. It has come to be the general belief of Akron people that it matters not who may be appointed by the Board, he must consent to submit to the control of the appointing power or place the security of his position in jeopardy.

This belief may not be well taken, and it may be the determination of the Board to so recognize the police force as to bring it to the highest degree of efficiency possible. To this end the Board will have the cheerful co-operation of the people, even though the manner in which the department has been administered in the past may have caused them to be somewhat skeptical of the result.

But after all is said and when everything is considered, is not the solution of the entire problem the passage of an ordinance that will permit ALL the people of Akron to choose their Chief of Police, instead of causing the office, as now, to be pulled and hauled about by contending sets of politicians, who will herald the result of the controversy more as a vindication of their personal "influence" than as an advancement of the public interest?

The Congressmen who are straggling into Washington to attend the meeting of the Ways and Means Committee are doing a great deal of talking about reducing the war taxes. The people can not hope successfully for a very material reduction of the war taxes until the Administration begins a reduction of the war expenses. There is no indication at this time that the Administration contemplates any such move; upon the contrary, all the preparations indicate a big increase of the expenses of the War and Navy departments. It is likely that the Ways and Means committee, for the sake of appearances, will do a little shifting of the tax burden from one article to another, but in the end the burden of the new taxation will fall, as now, upon the necessities used by the masses of the people.

The Washington dispatches nowadays contain a great deal of information that was not permitted to leak out prior to the late election. One of

the dispatches today announces that the "President, and War Department officials are not at all pleased with the outlook for a speedy termination of hostilities in the Philippines. Gen. MacArthur is being criticised for alleged dilatory tactics. It is acknowledged that the insurgents are stronger today than ever before." In the recent campaign the orator who would have such a broad statement of the facts would have been accused of treason by the Administration press.

Gen. MacArthur cables from Manila that the news of the result of the election in the United States has had no effect on the natives, save to inspire them with greater activity, and that the outlook promises no speedy end to hostilities. What a disappointment to the Administration leaders this news must be. Everywhere in the campaign just ended the people were told that the natives were watching and hoping and praying for the election of Mr. Bryan, and that upon the news of his defeat they would make haste to sue for peace.

Council paid a nice compliment to Mr. John T. Vaughan last night in voting unanimously to appoint him to the vacancy in the office of Justice of the Peace created by the removal of Justice Hard from the city. Mr. Vaughan succeeds a Republican, and the fact that the Republican councilmen voted with their Democratic colleagues to give the place to a Democrat indicates that there is nothing partisan about them.

It is announced that Representative Seese will receive a nomination for re-election to the General Assembly, and that the nomination will come to him practically without opposition. Before the Representative is re-nominated it might be well to ascertain whether he still claims residence in Summit county.

We wonder what the honorable Probate Judge of Summit county thinks of the constancy of his party organ? For three years the Dobson paper has been the main support of the "Czar" and his "one man power," but when Gen. Dick whistles our neighbor deserts its old time friend and ally like a poltroon.

Congressman Grosvenor is authority for the announcement that Ohio will be redistricted and that Cuyahoga county will probably be placed in a Congressional district by itself. He does not indicate what will be done with the Nineteenth district.

The Democrat would not advise the citizens of Akron to try to hold their breath until the "Czar" lies down and permits the General to stride over his prostrate body.

Will it be Czar Anderson or Czar Dick?

"Go it husband; go it bear."

Funeral of Mr. Kyser.

The funeral of Mr. J. A. Kyser, who was killed by a B. & O. train Monday, will be held at his late residence, 1917 South High st., at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. Interment will be made in the Kyser cemetery in Coney township.

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Established

By Ordinance Before Occupancy
of Quarters.

Question Whether Legislation Is Valid
—Solicitor's Opinion.

A somewhat unusual discovery was made at the Council meeting Monday night.

It develops that the City Fathers have failed to comply with the state laws in that they have not designated a place for holding their meetings.

They have passed ordinances touching on practically everything else but this one particular act seems to have been overlooked. Monday night an ordinance was passed locating the City Prison in the building known as the Malrot block. This action was taken previous to the occupancy of the building. Similar legislation should have been enacted previous to holding any session of the Council in the old Schumacher offices. It was an oversight that such action was not taken.

Solicitor Esqate was asked for an opinion in reference to the matter. He said that the question had been brought to his attention but that he had not looked into the same with enough care to give any opinion. He was asked if the fact that such an ordinance had not been passed could invalidate any legislation of the Council. To this he answered: "It is a very fine haired question. However, I do not believe that it would." Before the next meeting of the council an ordinance will be prepared fixing the Schumacher offices as the meeting place of the City Council.

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Ordinance Will Pass.

Majority of Committee
Favor Measure.

Unless There Is Change
of Sentiment

There'll be No Further Hitch
In Program.

Appointments to be Made as An-
nounced—The Ordinance.

As predicted by the Democrat 10 days ago the ordinance creating the offices of Captain and Lieutenant of Police and providing for a reorganization of the department was introduced at the meeting of the City Council Monday evening.

There was a hitch in the proceedings however. As soon as City Clerk Ishell had read the ordinance, President Fieberger referred it to the Police committee. This committee consists of Messrs. Merz, Mason and Koons. The committee will submit a report two weeks hence. Two members of the committee said last night that they are in favor of the passage of the measure. The other member of the committee has not expressed any opinion relative to the action he will take.

Unless there is a change of sentiment on the part of some of the councilmen during the next two weeks the ordinance will be passed and the appointments made as per schedule.

The ordinance as introduced and read is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE.

To amend section 387 of the revised ordinances.

Be it ordained by the council of the city of Akron, Ohio,

Sec. 1. That section 387 of the Revised Ordinances of the city of Akron, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 387. The police force as now constituted by law, and to be appointed by the Board of City Commissioners in pursuance of the provisions thereof, shall consist of one chief of police, who shall receive a salary of twelve hundred dollars (\$1200.00) per annum; one captain, who shall receive a salary of ten hundred and twenty dollars (\$1020.00) per annum, one lieutenant who shall receive a salary of nine hundred dollars (\$900) per annum.

The chief of police, captain and Lieutenant of this section, shall each, before entering upon the duties of his office, take an oath or affirmation to support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Ohio, and that he will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties of his office as prescribed by the laws of the State of Ohio, or by the ordinances of the City of Akron, and such rules and regulations as may be lawfully adopted in pursuance of the provisions thereof, and he shall also, before entering upon his duties, give bond, conditioned according to law, to the City of Akron, in the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500.00), with two good and sufficient sureties to be approved by the Board of City Commissioners, for the faithful performance of his duties, and he shall hold his office during good behavior.

Sec. 2. That said ordinance section 387 of the Revised Ordinances, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. That said original section feet and be in force from and after its passage and legal publication.

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